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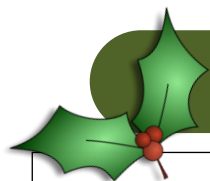
From December 2nd our area was placed into Tier 2 High Alert. Below are the guidelines for Tier 2. Please remember, If you or your child have any coronavirus symptoms: A high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste. Get a test and stay at home.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>



We have made adjustments to our Academy uniform so your child can wear a plain black, blue or green gilet or fleece for inside use. We currently have a limited number of Academy fleeces (see pictures) for the cost of £13.00. These are available in sizes 9-10 (x4) and will be allocated on a first come first served basis via the Academy Office. If these prove to be popular, we may purchase some more to meet demand.





Christmas at the Academy

As this Christmas period is a little unusual this year, we are trying to still ensure the children are experiencing some of the usual Christmas festivities – albeit in a different way. Please see below some of our Christmas events.

Panto Online: Jack and the Beanstalk.

We find ourselves in unexpected times with our great festive tradition of the family pantomime cancelled in many towns and cities across the land. But riding to the rescue to make sure that panto-loving audiences don't miss out on this special Christmas experience is 'Blue Peter' legend Peter Duncan. Peter has decided to use his own 'Giant' back garden to film **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** - a socially distanced pantomime complete with ingenious sets, fabulous costumes... and even a real beanstalk! We have purchased an Academy ticket so we can stream it directly to our classes over the next two weeks. We promise you boos, cheers, 'he's behind yous', a sing-a-long song and all the classic panto antics that we love.

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 9th December

Next Wednesday, the children will be having their Christmas lunch of roast turkey or a vegetable parcel with festive trimmings. If your child would like to have a Christmas lunch please pay £2.25 on School Gateway, unless your child has Universal Free School Meals (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) or are in receipt of Free School Meals. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 11th December

Come to the Academy wearing your Christmas jumper and donate £1 or £2 to Save the Children through SchoolGateway. Good news: no one needs to buy a new sweater – just decorate or recycle an old one. Uniform should be worn with your Christmas jumper.

Christmas Liturgy for Schools: 17th December

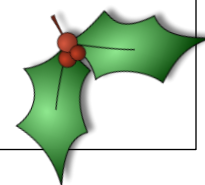
Archbishop John will be celebrating a Christmas Liturgy on Thursday 17th December. This liturgy will be held virtually so our classes can participate online.

Christmas Party Day: Friday 18th December

On Friday 18th December, the last day of term, the children will have their Christmas party in their bubbles. On this day, the children can attend the Academy in suitable party clothes – please take into account the weather conditions at the moment and that the rooms are still ventilated. PE will not take place on this day. On this day your child can also bring in a container with party food **just for their own consumption**. This could be a small cake, a packet of crisps and a biscuit. This will be additional to their Academy lunch, instead of the buffet that is usually provided. This food **will not** be shared with any other children. Appropriate socially distanced games will be played and the children will still have lots of fun!

Christmas Cards

To date we have not had any positive cases of Covid 19 amongst children or staff, which may be partially due to the measures we have in place of not transferring items to or from the Academy. With this in mind we have made the difficult decision not to send Christmas Cards to one another.. We understand this has been a difficult year and we would like to thank you for your continued support.





Reminders

In order to help parents spread their money a little further the PTA have spent time sorting, washing and preparing a considerable amount of Pre Loved Uniform. Please find attached a uniform inventory and you wish to purchase some uniform please contact the Academy Office.

Academy Approach Road - Incident 4th December 8.30am

Following parental concerns about persistent fast-moving vehicles and vehicles blocking the approach road at pupil dropping off times in the morning, we have started to place a traffic cone to remind drivers that due to COVID19 children and parents are now waiting on the pavement and roadway outside of the Academy gates for their timed entrance. The entrance to the Scadbury car park is not affected.

However, an incident occurred today which we have reported to the Police where a car drove past the traffic cone on to the pavement narrowly missing a parent and nursery child.

Please can we ask all parents/ carers to not drive past the traffic cone as this is to protect the waiting children and parents.

If parents have any concerns regarding vehicles or drivers driving inconsiderately or dangerously please report the matter to the non-emergency police number 101.

PTA Fundraising

Our first PTA 'OneLottery' draw is this Saturday (5th December). If you haven't signed up yet there is still time, and as the attached flyer suggests, you could even give a couple of lines to friends or family as an extra Christmas gift. Remember this is one of the few schemes the PTA are able to run at the moment to raise funds for the Academy - please support us if you can.

Diary Dates

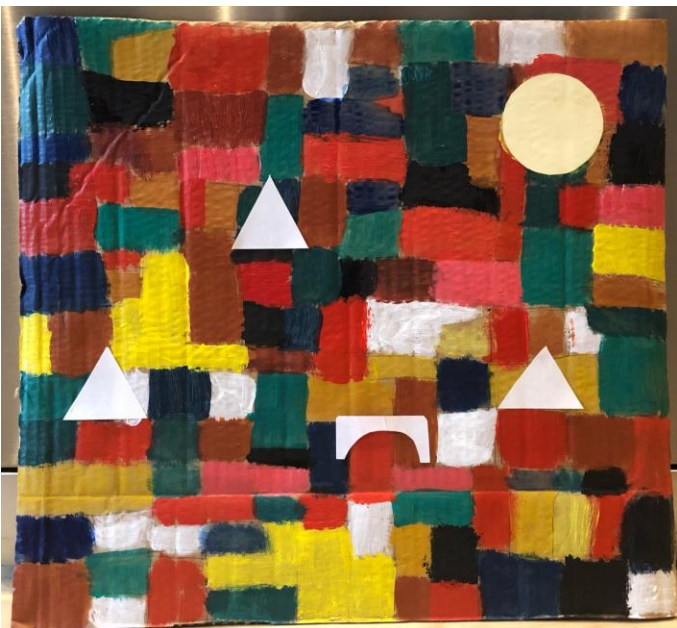
Diary Dates	Events
Wednesday 9 th December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Christmas Liturgy for Schools
Friday 18 th December 2020	Christmas Party Day
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term Stars finish at 4:30pm

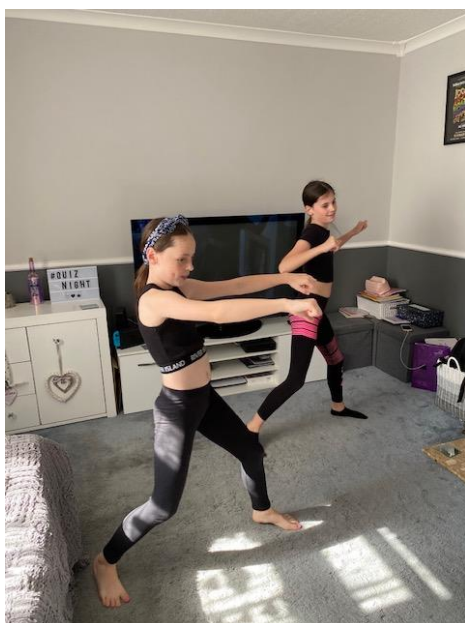
Get Creative

Mrs Lee would like to thank the children who submitted a photo of something they have enjoyed doing to express their creativity during the pandemic, it was so lovely to see how we all enjoy doing different things to get creative and help us relax at home. Creativity has stimulated and entertained people while also breaching loneliness and isolation to support our health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

Many of the staff at St Peter and St Paul also got creative during Lockdown with people crocheting, baking, gardening, painting, dancing and playing musical instruments amongst some of their hobbies.

Here are a few of your 'works' to celebrate.





National Online Assembly

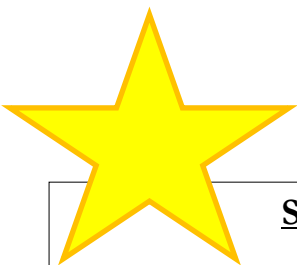
How can our actions be a light in the world this Advent?
Join with schools across England and Wales as we
pray and reflect together in our next national assembly:
Light of the world. – On **Thursday 10**
December, at 9.30am

Find out how CAFOD and partners are supporting
families and how your school can help this Advent.
Gather together to watch by following this link –
cafod.org.uk/schoolstogether

If you aren't able to make the live premiere then it will
be **available to watch any time afterwards**

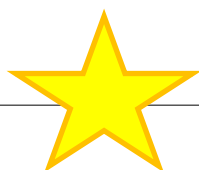
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Light
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world
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Star of the Week

Nursery Isaiah	Year 3 Mason
EYFS Mayah	Year 4 Kai
Year 1 Pippa	Year 5 Ava
Year 2 Milo	Year 6 Keeley-Elise



Our Lady of the Crays

First Holy Communion 2021

The next First Holy Communion Masses are scheduled for the 29th and 30th of May 2021. If you have a child in Year 3 or above and are interested in them joining the First Holy Communion programme, please send an email with your details to the parish office (crayvalley@rcaos.org.uk) as soon as possible. An information meeting for parents will be held on **Thursday the 10th of December 2020 at 7pm.**

Advent Countdown Calendar

Share the wonderful events of the Christmas story during Advent with your child at home using the Advent Countdown Calendar on the Catholic Life at Home link on the Academy website. Each day you can share a scripture reading and picture with your family as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Mental Health Survey

What do people in Bromley understand about Mental Health and the support available to them if they need it?

Bromley School Wellbeing Service offers free Emotional Wellbeing support to young people and those that care for them (parents/carers and school staff) in the Bromley Borough. For more info please go to their website - www.bromley-y.org

They are trying to better understand what people think about Mental Health and support they can access in Bromley. This information will help them to develop their service in the best way possible. They *have created an on-line survey and ask if you might be prepared to fill it out via the link or QR code below by 31st Dec 2020. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.*

The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s8-t7bd8AkKWY2ocUVGS7mjeUIwLW0FBgpllBZW0GpFUN0MyNDBGNk9OT0Y1MEZJTU1DNzVDRTbRNy4u>

Or here:



Upon completion you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £20 vouchers!

The winner will be notified by email by 15th January 2021.

Thank you very much for your support.

